fuel based power plants including those based on naphtha on a sustained basis, including that for the Dabhol Phase I project (Enron). This, inter alia, involves issues on indigenous supply, foreign exchange requirements, transportation and handling facilities, etc. As on date Ministry of Power has received proposals from several States for recommending allocation of liquid fuels for projects with a total proposed capacity of about 34,000 MW. Guidelines for allocation of liquid fuels to these plants are being prepared in consultation with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and the State Governments.

Expert Committee for Power Sector

*295. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister overruled the expert panel on Power Projects as reported in the "Indian Express" dated October 18, 1996;

(b) if so, whether an inter-ministerial expert committee has been set up recently;

(c) whether the committee comprises representatives from the Ministries of Power, Coal, Environment and Industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any report has been submitted by the committee to the Prime Minister;

(f) the reasons for overruling the expert panel; and

(g) the number of recommendations of the Committee accepted by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). A working Group was constituted in August, 1996 by the Ministry of Environment and Forests comprising representatives of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Central Pollution Control Board and Central Electricity Authority for evolving norms for delegation of powers to the State Government(s) for environmental clearance of thermal power projects.

(e) to (g). Draft Norms for delegation of powers to the State Government(s) for environmental clearance of thermal power projects evolved on the basis of the recommendations of the Working Group were circulated during the meeting of the Chief Ministers held on 3.12.1996 for seeking the views of various State Governments. The Norms have not been finalised.

[Translation]

Master Plan

*296. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued certain directions for the implementation of 'Master Plan';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has requested the Union Government to make certain amendments in the 'Delhi Master Plan-2001';

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). The Supreme Court in its order dated 19.4.96 on a petition filed by Shri M.C. Mehta against UOI and Ors. in Civil Writ Petition No. 4677/85 directed the Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of a representative of NCT of Delhi to ensure compliance of the Master Plan provisions in respect of industries located in residential areas. It was further directed that no industry in any residential area of Delhi/New Delhi should be permitted unless it had obtained the clearance of the Committee as well as necessary licence and consent from the statutory authorities. All these industries which has not obtained necessary permission of the committee should stop operating in the residential areas w.e.f. 1.1.1997 (except industries falling under 'A' category which will also function with the consent of the constituted Committee). The Supreme Court has also passed an order on 8.7.96 in I.A. No. 22 of the same Writ Petition to the effect that 168 hazardous, noxious, heavy and large industrial units in the National Capital Territory of Delhi classified as such under MFD 2001 should re-locate/shift themselves to some other industrial estate in NCR and stop operating in the city of Delhi w.e.f. 30.11.96. Out of these 168 industrial units, the Idgah Slaughter House (appearing at S.No. 99 of the list of 168), has been permitted by the Supreme Court vide orders dated 30.11.96 to function upto 30.6.1997, subject to certain conditions. The Supreme Court further ordered the closure of 513 similar units w.e.f. 31.1.97 and 43 similar units w.e.f. 28.2.97 respectively.

The Supreme Court in its order dated 5.5.95 in I.A. No.18 of W.P. (Civil) No. 4677/85 has also directed the land-owning agencies to evict all encroachers from the